

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 964

By Swann

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Zackary “Google” Welch upon his participation in the Tennessee Geographic Bee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in and out of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Zackary “Google” Welch is one such exceptional student who recently participated in the Tennessee Geographic Bee; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Zackary has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, affectionately nicknamed “Google” by his classmates for his uncanny ability to remember facts, Zackary Welch is Maryville Middle School’s undefeated National Geographic Bee champion; and

WHEREAS, for the past three years, Mr. Welch has represented Maryville in the Tennessee Geographic Bee; he won Maryville Intermediate School’s competition as a sixth-grader and he won Maryville Middle School’s competition as a seventh and eighth-grader; and

WHEREAS, after winning the school-level competitions, Zackary completes a written test which is sent to Nashville for grading, at which time bee officials select the top 100 students and ask them to participate in the statewide competition; and

WHEREAS, during the Tennessee Geographic Bee, students are divided into five groups; each group is asked eight questions and the top ten scores from all 100 students advance to the final round; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 and 2011, Mr. Welch scored slightly above his peers, correctly answering five and six questions, respectively; and

WHEREAS, this year, he correctly answered seven questions to become one of twenty-three students to compete in the tiebreaker round, narrowly missing his opportunity to compete in the finals; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Welch's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; he plans to possibly attend an Ivy League college to pursue a career in the engineering or medical field; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Zackary Welch's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Zackary "Google" Welch on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.